

BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

(Pursuant to Title 23, Chapter 65 of the RIGLs)

MINUTES October 22, 2010

In Attendance:

Board Members: Present

Mario Carlino Bob Bozikowski
Susan Licardi Fredrick Crosby
Don Iannazzi

Absent:

Patrick Hughes
June Swallow

Others: Steven Boudreau, Staff
 Paul Bishop, ABC
 Stephen Coutu, City of East Providence

Board member Mario Carlino called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and noted for the record the presence of a quorum.

- 1. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of June 18, 2010 and September 24, 2010**
Motion to approve by D. Iannazzi. Motion seconded by S. Licardi.
All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.
- 2. The board reviewed and approved the consent agenda.**
Motion to approve by D. Iannazzi. Motion seconded by S. Licardi.
All in favor – none opposed - motion carried.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

a. Operator requests for full certification.

Operator	Employer	Certification	Qualification Date
John Fletcher	Newport	DO Class 1	01-16-2010
Donald Hopkins	Providence	DO Class 3	03-26-2006
David Cuccorelli	Woonsocket	DO Class 1	03-19-2009
Charles Reeves	Newport	TO Class 1	01-01-2010
Mathew Souza	N. Kingstown	DO Class 1	01-16-2010

b. Review requests for training course approval.

Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference - Water Management Issues - 1.5,
Process Optimization for High Quality Reclaimed Products - 3.0
Mueller Company - Tapping Live Water Mains - 3.0
Rhode Island Backflow Prevention Association - Anticipating Problems in Your Cross Connection
Control Program - 4.5
Kennedy Valve - Compression Fire Hydrants - How they work, how to maintain them and how
troubleshoot them. -1.0

3. The Board heard presentation from Paul Bishop, Association of Boards of Certification.

Discussion items:

- Upcoming revisions to ABCs Four Core Programs,
- Operator job task analysis / creating a body of knowledge,
- New standardized exams in 2011,
- Potential improvements to the Kneed-to-know document,
- ABC question/comment process,
- State specific additions to the existing national body of knowledge exam, and
- Potential exam review committee.

4. The Board heard presentation from Stephen Coutu, Public Works Director, City of East Providence.

Mr. Coutu explained the city's hiring process, candidate pool, and efforts to fill the vacant Water Superintendent position. The board agreed to extend Mr. Coutu's provisional D4 certification until January 1, 2011. This extension was granted to permit the current candidate to complete the November 2010 D-4 exam. The board requested that a back-up plan be put in place to ensure the vacancy is filled by this deadline. The Board noted that an appropriately certified Superintendent is a mandatory requirement of the *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Public Drinking Water Supply Treatment and Public Water Supply Transmission and Distribution Operators [R23-65-DWQ,]* and *Rhode Island General Law, Chapter 46-13* subject to the penalties, corrective actions, and remedies defined therein.

Motion to approve by B. Bozikowski. Motion seconded by D. Iannazzi.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

5. The Board approved the November exam roster.

6. The Board reviewed and approved applications for grade 4 certification as follows:

Hugo DeAscentis, PWSB TO-4

Motion to approve by B. Bozikowski. Motion seconded by S. Licardi.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

Donald Hopkins, PWSB DO-4

Motion to approve by S. Licardi. Motion seconded by D. Iannazzi.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

7. The Board reviewed request agreed to continue a request by ISRA for training course approval at the next general meeting of the board to allow time to review on-line video content and prior board rulings on distance learning verifications.

8. The Board reviewed sub-committee regulation reports and moved to present the following changes to the Department of Health for approval:

- **4.5** Individuals employed by private entities to repair, replace or install components of operational water supply treatment facilities must be under the supervision of a fully certified operator employed at or by that water supply treatment facility. Under the supervision of a fully certified operator employed at or by that water supply treatment facility shall include on site supervision and inspection of all operational activity that directly impacts the quality or quantity of drinking water.
- **5.5** Individuals employed by private entities to repair, replace or install components of operational water supply transmission and distribution facilities must be under the supervision of a fully certified operator employed at or by that water supply transmission and distribution system. Under the supervision of a fully certified operator employed at or by that water supply transmission and distribution system shall include on site supervision of all operational activity to include pipe

disconnection, pipe disinfecting and pipe connection and such other activity that may directly impact the quality or quantity of drinking water.

Motion to approve by D. Iannazzi. Motion seconded by S. Licardi.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

- 7.1, 7.4, and 7.5 continued
- 9.1 stricken
- 10.3 stricken

Motion to approve by D. Iannazzi. Motion seconded by B. Bozikowski.

All in favor - none opposed - motion carried.

9. Other Business

S. Boudreau noted that correspondence was prepared and delivered to Providence Water containing the following language as approved via email:

Based on review of the documentation provided by Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) and the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Certification of Public Drinking Water Supply Treatment and Public Water Supply Transmission and Distribution Operators [R23-65-DWQ],

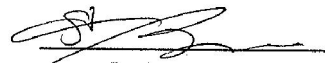
The board finds:

a. Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) appears to be in technical compliance with [R23-65-DWQ] as it relates to this matter.

b. Operator supervision related to the PWSB Infrastructure Maintenance and Lead Line Replacement Programs (and any similar program when individuals not employed by the water utility are performing distribution system maintenance) can be provided by any fully certified distribution operator. This requirement is distinguished from the Operator in responsible charge requirement. Operator supervision should be coordinated with private vendors performing distribution system maintenance so as to afford actual supervision over phases that directly influence water quality and public health.

c. The board request that PWSB revise the "Contractor Job Site Checklist" currently in use to specifically address phases that directly influence water quality including disconnection, sanitation and reconnection of service lines.

This Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Steven Boudreau, Staff Assistant to the Board
For June Swallow, P.E. Secretary